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PRODUCTION OF MUSTARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there has been large scale production of mustard in the country during the previous and current year ;

(b) If so, the quantum and value of mustard available in the godowns ;

(c)Whether the Government is contemplating to make the use of mustard mandatory in the production of vegetable oil ;

(d) If so, whether the Government proposes to reduce the price of mustard in open market to utilize the prevailing stocks; and

(e) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The production of Rapeseed & Mustard was 75.93 lakh tonnes in 2004-05. It was estimated at 78.87 lakh tonnes for 2005-06 (4th advance estimates).

(b):As per National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited

(NAFED), the details of procurement of mustard seed under Price Support Scheme

(PSS) during Rabi 2005 and Rabi 2006, quantity sold, balance available as on 27.11.2006 and its value are given in the table below :

(Lakh Tonnes)

	Quantity Procured	Quantity Sold	Balance	Value (Rs. Crore)
Rabi 2005	20.93	20.16	0.77	141.29
Rabi 2006	22.05	6.21	15.84	3033.36

(c) : The Government has issued a notification for compulsory use of 20% mustard oil in the manufacture of Vanaspati.

(d) & (e):The disposal of mustard seed procured by NAFED is under review on a regular basis by the Government. NAFED has been advised to arrange disposal of 4 to 5 lakh tonnes of mustard seed every month on market rate for minimizing the inventory. As on 28th November 2006 NAFED is holding mustard seeds of 0.77 lakh tonnes of Rabi 2005 and 15.84 lakh tonnes of Rabi 2006 stocks.